

### Weather Briefing February 19, 2014





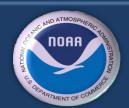


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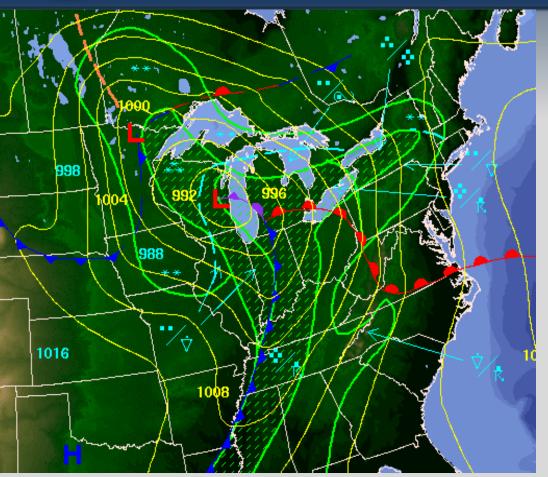
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# Decision Support Briefing Highlights





Forecast for Thurs (18 hrs)

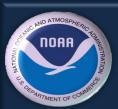
## **Event Summary**

Wintery Mix Thursday AM

Heavy Rain/Thunderstorms
Thursday PM

Dense Fog Thursday PM

Strong Gusty SW Winds Thursday night - Friday



# Winter Watch Hazard Risk Assessment





This Potential Event is an Occasional to Rare Weather Event

Potential to Cause Disruption to Daily Life

Recovery Time
Around When Weather Hazard
Ends to around a Day

#### **Extreme:**

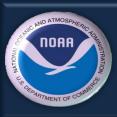
- Historic Weather Hazard/Event
- Life Threatening
- Total disruption of daily life
- Recovery Time: days to one week

### High:

- Rare Weather Hazard/Event
- Potentially Life Threatening
- Widespread disruption of daily life
- Recovery Time: hours to a day

#### Moderate:

- Occasional Weather Hazard/Event
- Rarely directly life threatening
- Some disruption of daily life
- Recovery Time: +/- 6 hrs of when weather ends



**Impacts** 

## **Potential Impacts**



Road Conditions	<ul> <li>Slippery road conditions due to freezing rain/snow</li> <li>Localized flooding of roads due to heavy rain/melting snow</li> </ul>
Additional Potential	<ul> <li>Dense fog developing south, then rapidly spreading north late tomorrow afternoon. This will further impact driving conditions.</li> </ul>

Power Outage Potential	High	Medium	Low
Flood \Potential	High	Medium	Low



## **Timing of Winter Weather**



### Beginning

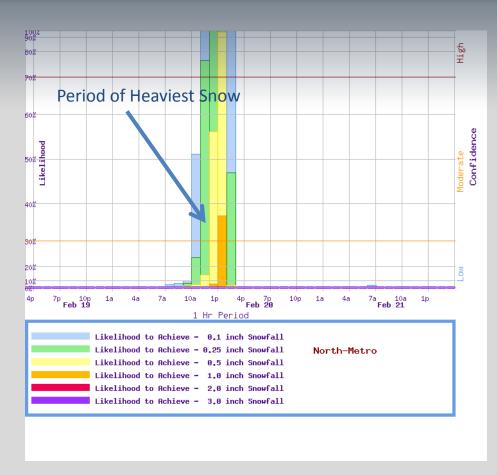
Thursday Morning –
 after 10 AM. Snow and
 Freezing Rain changing
 to all rain in the
 afternoon, north of I-69.
 Rain and Freezing rain
 changing to all rain
 south of I-69.

### **Heaviest**

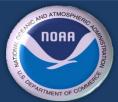
 Between 2 PM and 5 PM Thursday Afternoon.

### **Ending**

 Winter mix ending by early afternoon, but rain persists into the evening.

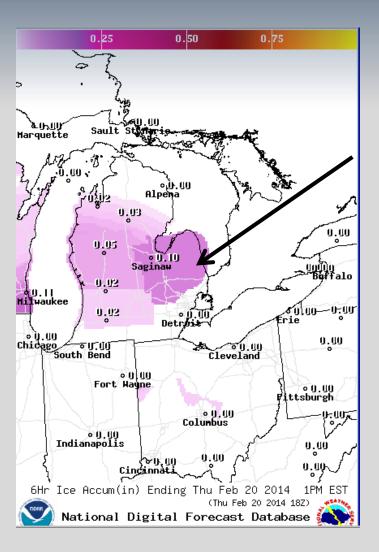


Hourly Snowfall greatest during early afternoon



## Ice/Snow Accumulation Confidence

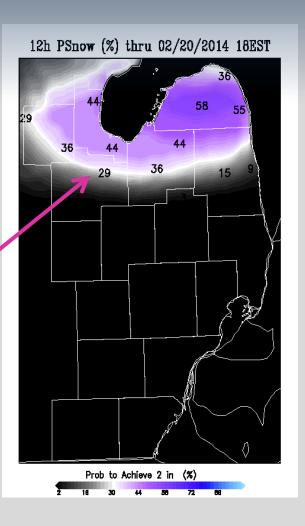
### Thursday Morning



### **AREA View**

Moderate confidence 0.10 inch Ice Accumulation – mainly north of I-69.

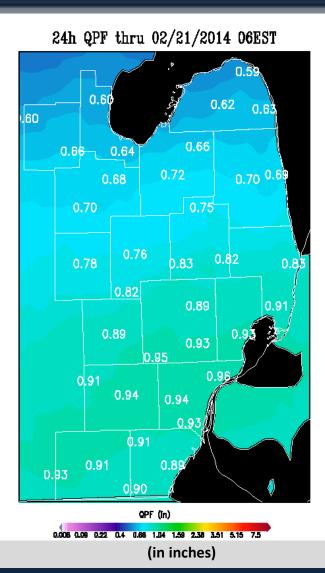
Moderate confidence snowfall totals will exceed 2 inches – mainly over the Thumb.





# Storm Total Rainfall Thursday Afternoon





### Rainfall

- Around .75" North of I-69
- Around an inch South of I-69

### **Rain Type**

**Heavy Rain with embedded Thunderstorms** 

### **Additional Hazards**

- Locally flooded roadways will impact driving conditions
- Increased snow-water ratio will add weight to accumulated snow on roof tops

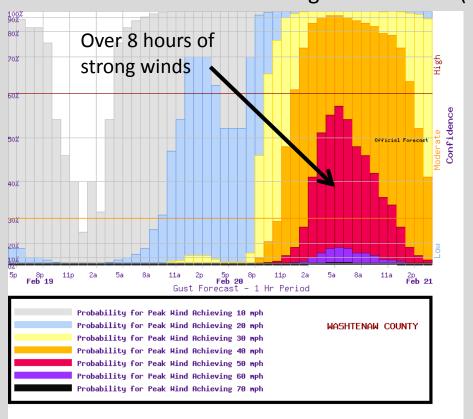


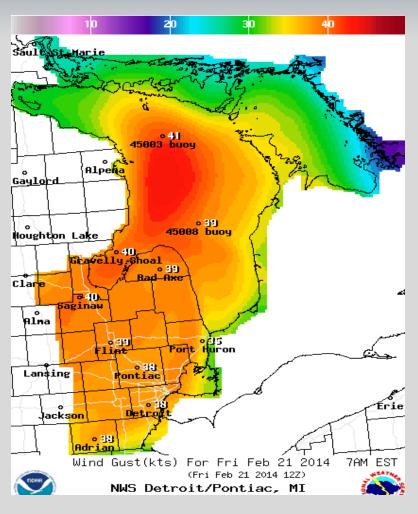
## PEAK WIND GUST POTENTIAL FRIDAY FEB 21, 2014



All of Southeast Michigan will see increasing wind beginning after midnight Thursday night and continuing through the day on Friday.

High confidence of wind gusts > 40 MPH (35 kt)
Moderate confidence of wind gusts >50 MPH (44kt)







# Decision Support Briefing Winter Weather Impact Summary



What	Where	Timing	Impacts
Ice Accumulations Up to 0.10 inches	Mainly over the Northern Thumb (North of I-69)	10 AM through 2 PM.	Slippery roads and walk way. Dangerous Driving Conditions. Power Outages.
Snow 1-2 inches	Mainly over the Northern Thumb (North of I-69)	10 AM through 2 PM.	Wet Heavy Snow



# Decision Support Briefing Rain/Fog/Wind Impact Summary



What	Where	Timing	Impacts
Rain/TStorms 0.25 to 0.75	All of SE Michigan will see rain – heaviest south of 169	Noon through 10 PM	Locally flooded roadways. Increased snow-water ratios could impact snow on roofs.
Dense Fog	Developing South and spreading North to include all of SE Michigan	2 PM through Midnight	Difficult and dangerous driving conditions.
High Wind	All of SE Michigan	After Midnight Thursday Night through Friday.	Damage to smaller trees, numerous downed branches, power outages



# **Decision Support Briefing Headines**



Winter Weather Advisory	Midland, Bay, Huron, Saginaw, Tuscola, Sanilac Counties	10 AM to 4 PM Thursday	A mix of snow, freezing rain and rain. 1-2 inches of snow, 0.1 inch ice.
Winter Weather Advisory	Shiawassee, Genesee, Lapeer, St. Clair, Livingston, Oakland, Macomb Counties.	10 AM to 4 PM Thursday	A mix of snow, freezing rain and rain. <1 inch snow, 0.10 inch ice.
High Wind Watch	All of Southeast Michigan	7 PM Thursday Evening through 6 PM Friday Evening.	Westerly Wind Gusts between 45 and 60 MPH.



## **Additional Information**





### **Local Hazards Page**

http://www.weather.gov/detroit/svr.php

### **Great Lakes Marine Portal**

http://www.weather.gov/greatlakes

### **Hourly Wind / Gust Probabilities**

http://www.crh.noaa.gov/dtx/?n=pwind http://www.crh.noaa.gov/dtx/?n=pgust

### **Hourly Snowfall Probabilities**

http://www.crh.noaa.gov/dtx/?n=hourlysnowprobabilities



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